

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors, George County, Mississippi, at 355 Cox Street in the Chancery Clerk Office, Lucedale, Mississippi 39452, until **10 am**, local time, on the day of **October 13, 2016**, and shall cause the bids received to be publicly opened and the bid amount read aloud for the following project:

*EVANSTON ROAD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS
GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MDA SMALL MUNICIPALITIES & LIMITED POPULATION COUNTIES
GRANT PROJECT NO. SM-15-710
PICKERING FIRM, INC. PROJECT NO. 24803.00*

The Work included in the Contract shall consist primarily of the following approximate items:

- Roughly 1,500 linear foot water main improvements

Copies of the contract documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge at the office of the Board of Supervisors, George County, Mississippi, or at the following office of the Engineer:

Pickering Firm, Inc.
126 Rue Magnolia
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

Hard Copies and Electronic Copies of the contract documents may be obtained through the following location:

Pickering Firm, Inc.	Contact: Frank Parker, P.E.
126 Rue Magnolia	Phone: 228-432-5925
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530	Email: fparker@pickeringfirm.com

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope on forms either purchased by bidder (hard copies, not required to be purchased by Bidder for bidding) or obtained electronically (required bid forms must be printed out by Bidder) from the Engineer. If Bidder elects to purchase hard copies of the contract documents, those documents may be purchased upon payment of \$200.00 (checks only) for each set, which is non-refundable. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

The maximum allowable number of consecutive calendar days for the completion of Work (the Contract Time) is set forth in the Bid Proposal and will be included in the executed Agreement. The project will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) per consecutive calendar day for each day in default after the stipulated completion date. The contract time will begin when the Contractor commences work on this project but no later than the tenth consecutive calendar day after receipt of a notice to proceed from the Owner.

Bids submitted shall be in letter form in a sealed envelope and outside of envelope shall be marked plainly EVANSTON ROAD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI and shall be addressed to Chancery Clerk Cammie Byrd, George County, Mississippi, at 355 Cox Street, Lucedale, Mississippi 39452. Each bidder shall write his Name,

his Address, and his Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Pickering Firm, Inc. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer must be included with the bid proposal. Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by the Engineer for George County, Mississippi, noted in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Board of Supervisors, George County, Mississippi, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Board of Supervisors, George County, Mississippi, Lucedale, Mississippi, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the contract.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of his Base Bid, payable to the Board of Supervisors, George County, Mississippi, Lucedale, Mississippi, as bid security. The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of 100% of the bid.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and supply needs.

Any contract awarded under this invitation for bids is also expected to be funded in whole or in part by the Mississippi Small Municipalities and Limited Population Counties Grant Program. Bidders shall comply with all of the requirements pertaining to the use of these funds.

The Enterprise awarded this contract shall comply with all of the requirements pertaining to the use of these funds, including participation in the Federal E-Verify compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act.

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Cammie Byrd, Chancery Clerk
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